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Water Resource Board To Hold Special Meeting

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Idaho Water Resource Board will hold a special telephonic meeting on Friday, August 27, 2004. The meeting will convene at 8:30am at the Idaho Department of Water Resources Headquarters at 1301 N. Orchard in Boise.

The primary purpose of the special meeting is allow Board Members to be briefed for the first time on a study on the future of the Cove Power Plant on the Bear River in Southeastern Idaho. Several options are being considered for the plant including possible decommissioning. The briefing will be given by the Idaho Attorney General's Office.

The Board will also consider taking advantage of lower interest rates to refinance the existing revenue bond used to construct the Idaho Water Resource Board's small hydroelectric project at Dworshak Reservoir.

Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Karl Dreher will also deliver his bi-monthly report to the Board, which he was unable to do last week, because of time constraints at the Board Meeting in Salmon.

The meeting is open to the public and the Board has allocated a period of time not to exceed 30 minutes to allow members of the public to address the Board.